IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	: Examiner: Quang N	I. Vo.
SHUICHI KUMADA)	
	: Art Unit: 2625	
Application No.: 10/694,837)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS AND METHOD	: April 7, 2008	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Species I, on which Claims 1, 3-6 and 13 read.

An early and favorable examination of those claims on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York Office

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Respectfully submitted,

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